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V. B.

1908

Hogarth,

March 8th.

Dearest,

I've just had this letter from Ferguson. I'm afraid it isn't very helpful. How would it be, by the way, to try Lytton's Dr, Dr. Brinton, who lives in Kensington - is said to be very good? I believe the Vaughans have a very good doctor; & also there was Dr. Venning, Hoste's partner, who came to Adrian once, & attended Barbara Vaughan. But I'm afraid this is rather vague. I could find out more upon liked.

Life in London seems to me slightly tepid. We had a raid last night though there's no moon. It roared as if something blew up, but there are only the wildest rumours afoot at present. It lasted about 2 hours & went round & round us—

Nick came & gave his lecture the other night, & seemed very much in love, very proud of the fact that Barbara made a conquest of an auctioneer in Gloucestershire; & I can't see that he differs from any other newly married husband. I've talked with Hoste on the telephone, & can't detect any signs of despair, but of course it was mostly details about health - he's heard, I suppose, that he's setting up with Alix in Faith's house? I met her at the 'I' Club, more sunk than ever; & I think a little suspicious that world would laugh at this two respected lovers keeping house - Imagine the how they'll compare notes! Saxon was only afraid, she said, that he'd

depress her, but I think the race is nearly equal; in fact, I'd back Alys. I did my best to be very liberal, low in tone, a dismal mopely; I find it my good spirits that makes her a Tredegard so melancholy.

Barbara & Nick are giving a party & were set upon having you — even Nick's voice is now that of the true Charlestonian; reverent, awestruck, grateful for trifles — even a smart rap on the knuckles better than nothing. What you go? My husband is a good deal against my going, & the trains make it rather hopeless of course. But his tone about Charleston is distinctly modified. He was very amiable about you when I came back. An invitation would completely convert him I believe — though he's so odd in this mood that one can never tell.

I wish my life promised many mornings alone with you & Duncan. But I'm not a Charlestonian of course; my devotion is founded upon reason, & you both know what a solid diamond that is. Consider what it'll be too when I've been Pelmanized.

Love to Miss & B. They are a perpetual delight to me.

Yr B.

NYPL

HAMILTON 12/29/09

Telephone,
Richmond 496.

Tuesday.

19 Mar

Hogarth House,
Paradise Road,
Richmond,
Surrey.

1868

Dearest

Do you want to sell the Meredith letter to you on father's death, which was printed? I didn't put it up with the others, & now it strikes me you might think it better to sell it too — If so, would you let me have a line at once? I'm taking the Thackeray MS. & the 1st Edition of Modern Love & the letters to Sotheby to day. I wrote to them & they advise us to sell now, as they say that people are giving very high prices. In fact, I see that a Thackeray letter sold for £84. the other day. I thought we might take up a few & more letters & books & send them later. But I'd better send your letter with the others I expect. I shall ask their advice as to what reserve to put. also whether they

think its any good telling father's mrs. uh. L. doubts.

I cant think what happened to our telephone – it was working all right this end – However I could hardly have come, as we've been working at a book of Cecil Woolf's poems & only just got them done I was never told that the day of the party was changed, so we went to the opera, but I don't suppose I should have gone anyhow. Lytton says that you & Frederyn were the queens of the evening – incredibly brilliant – I wish I'd been there to see dolphin balancing on her nose. We had an incredible visit from Gerald = also Saxon. Nick. Barbara & Mary – but I must tell you later –

I must rush off.

We are hoping to get milk at Southeare. yr B.

I'll try to bring the clothes.

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HARRIS 12/29/69

22 March 1918

Athelhampton

Friday,

~~We now find it impossible to get any milk at all. We should be very grateful if you could help us. If you, man could leave some at Glynde every other day we could go & fetch it — the rest the better. It would be very kind of you if you would explain to Aveling any way of getting some; & could you be so angelic as to give her a drop (if you can spare any) to bring back.~~

The man at Southease promised to let us have more this time, so we thought ourselves safe. The day it's the lambs, however, & I'm afraid you may have run dry too.

I suppose our best way of meeting would be to walk to Firle & have a picnic there some afternoon, but I don't know what your circumstances are.

Lytton is coming here next Thursday

for Easter & wants to stay on if you
can't have him, which he's not
certain of. As we have James &
Noel coming the Tuesday after Easter,
I rather hope you may be able to
take him in — however, we can
manage if you can't. Barbara
may be coming, but I think there's
a chance she'll go to Tidmarsh.

I got your letter in time & sent
the Meredith letter with the rest.
Today I saw Sotheby, who rumed to think
highly of our chances with the
MS: he also advised us strongly to
sell fathers mss. & said they were of
distinct value, so I sent him the
Stowe & Library & Playground of
Europe ones.

Till May, so I could send him some
books when I go back. I rent Modern
Love. He said that one couldn't say
what things are worth, as they
never knew what people will give.

Ever B.

Gunn has just been & says he can supply us
at Glynde — but of your Cantilupe letter have
any library use that. Be very grateful. You
must tell Nelly what it costs.

HAMILL 12/29/69

27 March 1918.

Wednesday. Athelhampton.

Dearest,

Yes and we didn't meet yesterday. I was in Dewes too. I went from Glynde. It would, I needn't say, be enchanting to see you, but I really don't think its worth your coming all that way — the weather seems broken too — only for tea. Couldn't you come for lunch & go back after tea or Dinner? We have a bed free in Barbara's room, & the best thing of all would be for you to stay the night — Surely Mrs B: can run the house? Otherwise I was going to have suggested first that I should come for the night — which, I leave to you; second, that we should have a picnic at Firle on Sunday if fine. Barbara stays till Monday, and of course grasps at any chance of the Charleston, knights. Yhope to God nick isn't

already killed.

I've told all my visitors that they must either bring meat, sugar & butter, or their cards. James says this is very difficult, but I don't see why. One can get an emergency Card at Lewes quite easily. Lytton hasn't got any cards I believe, but I'm hoping he'll bring his own supplies. I told him he must, & if you like I'll explain that you're rationed just as we are. They could get what they liked at Tidmarsh.

If it suits us quite well if you have him on Wednesday. Noel & James come on Tuesday & stay on after we go. My affairs were too damnable on Sunday; they're taken to being punctual to the hour, & invariably upset something I particularly want to do.

V. B

We shall be in both Thursday & Friday, but do consider staying the night, if not lunch. I hear that Adrian's got off. Lytton a Bar, come tomorrow. We made Nelly believe that the aeroplanes were German

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HAMILL 12/29/69